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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF US DIRECTOR, ADB

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1. EMBASSY AND GOP FINANCE MINISTRY ARE DELIGHTED
THAT AMBASSADOR PAPP IS PLANNING TO VISIT PAKISTAN.

2. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE OFFICERS IN THE FINANCE
MINISTRY MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH ADB MATTERS. WITH
THEIR ASSISTANCE, EMB AND CONGENS KARACHI AND LAHORE WILL
SET UP AN INITIAL PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES SKETCHED OUT
IN REFTEL. WE SUGGEST STARTING WITH THREE DAYS IN ISLAMABAD
FOLLOWED BY ONE IN LAHORE AND TWO IN KARACHI.

3. FINMIN CONTACTS HAVE TOLD US, HOWEVER, THAT THE
PARTICULAR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14-21 DURING WHICH AMBASSADOR
PAPP PLANS TO VISIT PAKISTAN WILL BE AN EXTRAORDINARILY
BUSY ONE FOR THEM. A WORLD BANK EXECUTIVE IS ARRIVING
THEN AS WELL AS THE PAKISTAN DIRECTORS TO THREE FOREIGN
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ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE WEEK WHEN AN IMPORTANT CABINET-
LEVEL MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.
THEY SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE IS ANY FLEXIBILITY IN
AMBASSADOR PAPP'S SCHEDULE, IT MIGHT BE EASIER TO WORK
UP A FULL PROGRAM IN ISLAMABAD FOR HIM IF HE COULD
SHIFT THE TIMING OF HIS VISIT TO ANOTHER WEEK, PRE-
FERABLY LATER. THEY EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT IF A
SHIFT IN THE DATES IS AWKWARD, THEY WOULD BE PLEASED TO
RECEIVE AMBASSADOR PAPP DURING THE PROPOSED DATES.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR PAPP'S ADVICE ASAP
ON THE TIMING OF HIS VISIT.
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